

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 112139

62

ORIGIN SS-10

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 /011 R

66643

DRAFTED BY: NEA/ PAB: LBLAINGEN: EMP

APPROVED BY: NEA: RPDVAVIES

S/ S - JMEALUM

----- 050267

R 092052 Z JUN 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

S E C R E T STATE 112139

EXDIS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WITH INFO ISLAMABAD FROM NEW DELHI  
DATED 08 JUN 73 REPEATED YOU:

QUOTE

S E C R E T NEW DELHI 6739

EXDIS

FOR SISCO FROM MOYNIHAN

EGMO. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ETRN IN PK BG

SUBJ: GOP- GOI COMMUNICATIONS ON SOUTH ASIAN PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 110135, NEW DELHI 6665

1. WE HAVE BEEN WILING AWAY AN OTHERWISE UNEVENTFUL  
MORNING HERE IN NEW DELHI WONDERING JUST WHAT YOUR  
LAST CABLE MEANS. I HAVE BEEN MAKING HARVARD PROFESSOR  
TYPE REFERENCES TO I. A. RICHARD ( SEE " SEVEN TYPES OF  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 112139

AMBIGUITY"). A GOOD FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RESPONDED " I DON' T THINK THE CABLE IS AMBIGUOUS SO MUCH AS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR." OBVIOUSLY HE WON THAT EXCHANGE, BUT WE ARE STILL IN THE DUSK ABOUT YOUR MEANING.

2. THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS. WHAT ARE OUR DIRECTIONS FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF VARIOUS MORE OR LESS CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS BEING EXCHANGED AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE SIMLA PROCESS?

3. THIS EMBASSY' S ORIGINAL POLICY WAS NOT TO ACCEPT THEM EVEN WHEN OFFERED. YOU WILL RECALL THT WE DECLINED THE FIRST OFFER OF THE PAK AIDES MEMOIRE. OUR FEELING WAS THAT THE INDIANS WOULD ONLY OFFER US SUCH DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO DISTORT OUR VIEW OF WHAT WAS GOING ON, OR GENERALLY TO USE US FOR THEIR PURPOSES. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN AN OBVIOUS EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE, WE WENT IN AND GOT COPIES OF THOSE PARTICULAR DOCUMENTS FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HALF THE OFFICIALS OF THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT HAD DENIED THEY EXISTED, AND WE FIGURED IT ISN' T ANY BETTER TO BE LIED TO BY PAKISTANIS THAN TO BE GULLED BY INDIANS.

4. I BELIEVE WE SETTLED THE FACT THAT THE PAKISTANIS WERE LYING.

5. NOW WHAT? YOU SAY: " I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE ALL AGREE, HERE, DELHI, ISLAMABAD AND IN DACCA, THAT WE LEAVE ENTIRELY TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WHATEVER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS PROCESS THAT THEY WANT TO SHOW TO US." HOWEVER, THIS A HARD POLICY TO INTERPRET. DO YOU MEAN THAT IF WE ARE ASKED, " WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS DOCUMENT?" WE ANSWER " YES, WE WOULD", OR MORE COYLY, ONLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SEE IT." WE BEGIN TO WORK INTO THE SHADOWY AREA OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. AS I SAID IN MY EARLIER MESSAGE, NOBODY IS GOING TO SHOW US ANYTHING WHICH DOESN' T SERVE THEIR INTEREST. REGARDLESS OF HOW DOCUMENTS COME INTO OUR HANDS, AND WHATEVER INFORMATION WE ARE GIVEN ORALLY BY THE INDIANS AND THE PAKISTANIS, I FEEL QUITE STRONGLY NOW THAT

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 112139

WE SHOULD LIMIT OURSELVES TO PASSING IT ON TO YOU BUT NOT, AND I REPEAT NOT, BECOME INVOLVED IN MUTUAL INTERPRETATION OR PASSING ON OF TIDBITS FROM THE INDIANS TO THE PAKISTANIS OR VICE VERSA. I ACKNOWLEDGE WE' VE DONE THIS SOMETIMES WHEN AN ISLAMABAD CABLE INCLUDED SOME INTERPRETATION OR ATTITUDE FROM A PAKISTANI OFFICIAL WHICH, IT SEEMED TO US, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY THE INDIANS

OF THE PAKISTAN POSITION. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE. AT  
LEAST I CAN' T SEE ANY PROFIT THAT' S COME FROM IT AND I CAN  
SEE CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION GATHERING. IN ANY EVENT, WE  
WILL NOW RELY ON YOU TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU THINK SOME  
PARTICULAR PIECE OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE PASSED TO THE  
INDIANS. I HOPE ISLAMABAD WILL DO THE SAME.  
MOYNIHAN

UNQUOTE  
RUSH

SECRET

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* EXDIS

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* SECRET

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:**  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 JUN 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** collinp0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973STATE112139  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** NEA/ PAB: LBLAINGEN: EMP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GDS  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** SECSTATE WASHDC  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730619/aaaajawk.tel  
**Line Count:** 130  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 73 STATE 110135, 73 NEW DELHI 6665  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** collinp0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 21 DEC 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <21-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <22 FEB 2002 by collinp0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> jms 980206  
**Subject:** GOP- GOI COMMUNICATIONS ON SOUTH ASIAN PROBLEMS  
**TAGS:** ETRN, PFOR, BG, IN, PK, n/a  
**To:** TEHRAN  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005